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Docket No. F-5076 DIV

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Herman et al.
Serial No.: 09/688,079
Filed: 13 October 2000
For: Systems and Methods for Removing Viral Agents from Blood

Group Art Unit: 1627
Examiner: P. Ponnaluri

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: (Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995.)

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114:

A. ☐ Previously submitted

☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

☐ Other _____

B. ☒ Enclosed

☒ Amendment/Reply

☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

☐ Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

A. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months

B. ☐ Other _____

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed as follows: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date 20 October 2003

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3. **EXTENSION OF TIME**

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

- (a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

| | Extension (months) | Fee for other than <u>Small Entity</u> | Fee for <u>Small Entity</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | one month | \$ 110.00 | \$ 55.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | two months | \$ 420.00 | \$ 210.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | three months | \$ 950.00 | \$ 475.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | four months | \$1480.00 | \$ 740.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | five months | \$2010.00 | \$1005.00 |

Fee: \$ 950.00

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request: \$ _____

OR

- (b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

4.

FEES

The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- A. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-2360
 ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)
 ☒ Extension of Time Fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)
 ☐ IDS Fee (\$180.00)
 ☐ Other
- B. ☒ RCE Fee
 ☒ \$770.00 (large entity)
 ☐ \$385.00 (small entity)
- C. ☒ Extension Fee: \$950.00
- D. ☐ IDS Fee (\$180.00)

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$1720.00



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AMENDMENT C

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment C is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination to respond to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2003, which was designated as being "final."

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including October 18, 2003 (which falls on a Saturday), is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

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